

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 1 and 37 will be pending. Claims 19-21, 27-29, and 38-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 37, the only pending claims, have previously been indicated as being allowable. As there are no outstanding rejections to claims 1 and 37, these claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

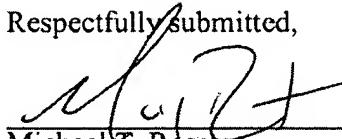
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

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